

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1365
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2001
INVESTIGATION MADE BY ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE
RADHA MOHAN SINGH;Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Enforcement Directorate informed the Delhi High Court that they had completed the investigations against the three TV channels - Zee- Star and Sony for their alleged violation of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973;
- (b) if so, whether the Delhi High Court had given its final verdict;
- (c) if so, the action the Ministry has taken against these three TV channels; and
- (d) the steps being taken to avoid such violations in future ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a) : Sir, in respect of Star TV and Sony TV, the Enforcement Directorate has apprised the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi about the completion of investigations concerning advertisements. Investigation in the case of Zee TV has been completed in respect of CWP 5369/99, but in the case of CrI.W.P.818/98, certain matters are still pending.
- (b) : The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has disposed of CWP 5369/99 without further direction vide order dated 18.12.2000. In respect of CrI.W.P.818/98 the case is listed for next hearing on 23.3.2001.
- (c) : Adjudication proceedings against Zee T.V. and connected parties have been initiated and show cause notices have been issued. Adjudication proceedings against Star and Sony T.V. are also being contemplated.
- (d) : Wherever violation of FERA/FEMA is noticed, action is taken as per law.